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Thought for the Day

Selected by E. Virginia Kennedy If you mean to act nobly, and seek to know the best things which God hath put within the reach of man, you must fix your mind on that end, and not on what will happen to you because of it .- George Eliot.

The electric light coon might as well come down. Hesitation will not save it.

The tumbling price of wheat may require a steam calliope to make itself heard at flour mills and bake shops.

In law and in fact, the jitney is a common carrier. So very common that street cars are inclined to shy at it.

The Plutes render to posterity the dubious service of forcing a revival of the forgotten art of making "good Indians."

If bread makers have the courage of their kick, why not come out in the open with an increased price for a sixteen-ounce loaf?

A peace parley "made in America" would be more impressive if there was a certainty that those most in need of it would welcome the

Reading between the lines of the political obituaries of Chicago's mayor it is evident that his performances were several miles behind his promises.

It may be noted as a common human characteristic that the Italians who are striving to force their country into war are not crowding the recruiting offices of the reservists.

While the bakers of Omaha are squeezing the weight of the loaf the bakers of New York are hurrying back to the normal price of 5 cents. The latter heard from consumers and heeded the warning.

Now watch how the leaders of a dying congress will eulogize its achievements and forget the growing embarrassment of shrunken national revenue. The evils that it created remain to worry its successor.

It is very nice of the Rockefeller Institute doctor to lay it on the hookworm, but a lot of people will still hold Major Wirtz, C. S. A., as being responsible for some of the ills suffered by the union men who were imprisoned at Andersonvile.

Chicago grain brokers doing business on 'change decline to show their books and records to sleuthing government officials. The brokers have too much regard for the health of innocent officials to risk their limbs among the ropes with which the market is rigged.

Three federal judges in Chicago unite in ruling that a stub railroad cannot escape interstate regulation by pleading that both ends are in the same county and in the same state. The ruling will seriously disarrange the system · which finds a sidetrack particularly useful in switching a rebate.



W. J. Harsha preached a special sermon at the First Preabyterian church before the Woman's Misionary society.

The afternoon meeting of the Young Men's Christian association was conducted by Rev. J. Bartlett of

The Stadt Theater company extended a benefit at Turner hall to Mrs. Puls-Ahl. The piece presented was "The Milkmaid," with Mrs. Puls-Ahl in the title

The Paxton hotel has a little social group of its own, which is holding impromptu card parties or musicals right along. Those with permanent quarters there are: Dr. Summers and family, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Carter, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Metcalf, Mrs. Cornish, Dr. and Mrs. Graddy, Mr. and Mrs. Paxton, Mr. McDonald and family, General and Mrs. Towns

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Patterson have returned from a month's visit to the New Orleans exposition. Hon. James E. Boyd is on his way to attend a

neeting of the democratic national committee to be held in Washington tomorrow. Mr. J. D. Ber has returned from his trip to Chi-

A new appearance docket, "Z," has been opened by District Court Clerk Dams.

The Burlington boasts that it now has six trains that leave Omaha daily for all the principal points, cast, west and south.

United States and the World.

It is most inspiring to read so calm and cogent an article as that contributed by Viscount Bryce to the literature of the present war. No philosopher has considered the American people with greater care or closer analytical inspection than James Bryce, and none could put into fewer words, or with stronger expression, his summing up of the conditions which make for American citizenship. He says:

The children of Europeans who are born in America grow up normal American citizens for all practical purposes. Their loyalty is to the Stars and Stripes, and their feeling for the land of their parents is comparatively weak.

The truth of this statement is apparent to any who has given the matter thought. While Viscount Bryce especially referred in this connection to the children of Germans born in this country, his observation applies with equal force to the children of all other foreign born citizens. The institutions of the United States are dear to them, and their loyalty and devotion to their country has been proven faithful whenever put to the test.

Viscount Bryce further points out to the belligerents the desirability of permitting the United States to maintain its attitude of absolute inpartiality, because it is the greatest of the neutral powers, and its actions on any of the important questions arising in connection with the war should not be affected in any degree by bias in favor of one or the other parties to the controversy. The countrymen of this great political philosopher and historian will profit by carefully reading, and thoroughly weighing, the thought he has placed before them.

Another Argument for Home Rule.

The Omaha Commercial club has prepared for the information of its members a list of forty-six bills introduced in the legislature, directly affecting Omaha, and only indirectly, if at all, affecting any other community in the state. Almost every one of these measures has to deal with matters which should properly be left to the action of the citizens of Omaha, without appealing to the law-making body of the state. A more forcible argument in favor of home rule for Omaha could scarcely be presented. Some day the citizens of Nebraska will tire of having so much of the time of the legislative session taken up by discussing Omaha local affairs, and will force the city to look after its own business.

Profitable Time to Build-

The spring building season in Omaha glows in the distance with the promise of big things. Business and office buildings, apartments and homes, are projected, but active construction work is delayed for various reasons. Some of these enterprises are in the architect stage, too many in the talking stage. Yet at no time in the past three years have such profitable inducements in the building line been offered as the present season affords.

Compared with last spring or the previous year, a saving of from 10 to 15 per cent can be effected in the cost of a building, large or small, which is put up to contracting builders this spring. This is a moderate statement of the reduced cost of building now prevailing, and the reasons for it are not far to seek.

In the first place, the law of supply and demand is the operating force. Supply is greater than the demand in all the factors of building construction. Materials are substantially lower. The demand for lumber is insufficient to meet overhead expenses, consequently dealers cut down the margin of profit to stimulate business and keep things moving. The labor market is overstocked. Although wages are not susceptible of change, the eagerness of skilled workmen for employment insures a full day's work and the top class of tradesmen.

Labor and lumber constitute the two largest cost items in home building in Omaha. They are the factors which govern the responsible contractor's bid. Both are down to rock bottom. Besides these spurring inducements, the various loaning agencies are overloaded with money and could readily place \$1,000,000 in a month at normal rates on building securities.

It must be apparent to those contemplating a building of any class that the prevailing conditions are exceptionally tavorable for profitable results. They insure full measure in labor and material for every dollar invested. Moreover, every dollar put into construction work stimulates a dormant labor market, revives activity in material yards, carries spring cheer to the homes of workmen and puts ginger in the various currents of trade. Thus the builder who promptly responds to the call of opportunity not only profits thereby, but also puts a spur to the mount of General Prosperity.

Uncle Sam in the Insurance Business-

When the war in Europe broke out steps were immediately taken to protect American shipping owners by permitting the government to provide insurance for vessels and cargoes that could not otherwise be obtained. The fruit of this action is now coming home. Two American ships, laden with American cotton, and bound for a German port, have been sunk in the North sea as a result of colliding with floating mines. In each instance the ship owners admit that the loss of the vessels and cargo under the circumstances was a natural risk in war times.

It will be very difficult, if not altogether impossible, to determine the responsibility of either of the belligerents for the presence of these vagrant mines in what is supposed to be "open" water. The United States government is concerned in the matter because it will be necessary to present and prosecute claims for indemnity because of the fact that the government has issued insurance on these vessels. To this end the president is seeking for the fullest information available with the understanding that any likelihood of suit will be lodged against both Germany and England.

This is but another novelty in the course of the war that has shattered many of the precedents, as well as the conventions, of civilized warfare. It also adds to the perplexity of the administration, which is conscientiously endeavoring to fairly meet the issues as presented.

The American Red Cross, since the European war began, has spent \$760,000 in maintaining eight hospitals in the various belligerent countries. The outpouring of American generosity to the victims of war through the Red Cross and other sources reflects the highest credit on the humane impulses of our people.

Forcing the Dardanelles

It is interesting to recall, at this moment, when the British and French fleets are battering the Dardanelles forts, that it was an American frigate called the George Washington which 114 years ago last October made the first passage of the Dardanelles after the historic strait had been "closed" to foreign vessels. American trading vessels had been attacked by

pirates off the coasts of Tripoli and Morocco, and everal sloops of war had been dispatched to curb this marauding, and to ask the intervention of Turkey to put a stop to it. The George Washington, commanded by Captain William Bainbridge, was one of these, and at the time of the occurrence referred to was taking several envoys from Tripeli to call on the sultan. The vessel was halted by forts at the entrance Dardanelles and asked for passports, Having none, and knowing the importance of averting all delay, he lowered sall, saluted the Turkish forts, was in turn saluted, and under cover of the smoke of this performance, quickly hoisted sail and before the officers of the sultan realized what was doing had sailed out of range of the guns of the fortifications which were trained directly across and not up the strait.

Captain Bainbridge was favored by the winds and soon made the narrow passage of about forty-five sailed gally over the placid waters of the Sea miles. of Marmora, flying the strange American flag, saluted the forts at Constantinople, dropped anchor, and when the nationality of the intruding visitor was demanded, responded: "A vessel of the New World." The mission of the George Washington was made known, and as the fame of Washington was worldwide the officers of the vessel were treated with most complimentary consideration and the purpose of Captain Bainbridge as speedily accomplished. But the fact remained that he had gained the passage of the famous strait by a trick for the sake of saving precious time, and for this he was not censured.

In 1808 a small British fleet under command of Admiral Duckworth sailed through the strait on a friendly mission, and assain in 1878, a British fleet sailed through to Constantinople to assist in the provention of the fall of that city into the hands of the Russians. More remarkable than all this is the fact that under permission of the Turkish government several of the vessels of the Russian volunteer fleet bearing soldlers and convicts were permitted to pass through to the Black Sea in 1891; and in 1904, while the war with Japan was in progress, two Russian cruisers, the Petersburg and Smolensk, were permitted to pass from the Black Sca through the Bosphorus strait, the Sea of Marmora and the Dardanelles under commercial flags, hoisted the Russian flag when they reached the Red Sea, halted several British and German ships, but ceased their activities upon receiving through British officers fresh instructions from the CERT.

The Dardanelles, the ancient Hellespont, is one of the finest strategic points in the world and is invested with romantic and tragic history that has been the theme for no end of classic poetry and history. At the narrowest passage, about a mile wide, Xerxes crossed on a bridge of boats 490 B. C. A little more than half a century later Alexander the Great made the crossing with his conquering army. It was at this point that Leander, the love-lorn youth of Abydos, nightly swam the Hellespont to Sestos to visit the beautiful Hero, but swam one night too often and was drowned. During a discussion of this feat with some friends at Sestos, in 1810, Lord Byron declared there could be no doubt of the truth of the story, and upon a banter, stripped and easily swam to Abydos.

After the Dardanelles are successfully negotiated there remains the forts of Constantinople and the Bosphorus guarding the waterway into the Black Sea. The difficulties of that operation can hardly be as great as the Dardanelles, where a much narrower channel give land forts a decided advantage. Once the fleets of the allies command the capital its doorn is sealed. Fear of such a contingency, no doubt, prompted the removal of government records and treasures to the Asiatic shores.

Twice within half a century victorious armies have knocked at the back doors of Constantinople-the Russian army in 1877, and the allied Balkan army in 1912. With a hostile fleet now approaching the front gate the end of the Ottoman empire in Europe is al-

For five hundred years, far longer than any other European dynasty, the house of Othman has ruled from Constantinople. Again and again has Turkey been attacked and worsted. It has lost many of its possessions, yet with all his atrocities, the "Unspeakable Turk" has managed to hold out against all comers. The rule of the Turk has been got rid of in Hungary, Greece, Serbia, Bosnia, Herzegovina and Bulgaria. Historians have shown that as long as any Christian land is under the domination of the Turk there will be massacres. The menaces of Europe for the last seventy-five years have been unavailing to prevent the almost constant recurrence of the human slaughter.

The direct results of Turkish conquests have been that while in the last 500 years the nations of western Europe have been marching on with progressive civilization, the natives of eastern Europe have been suffering 500 years of bondage, with all its frightful attendants. "The rule of the Turk," says Freeman, by whatever diplomatic cuphemism it may be called. means the bondage and degradation of all who come beneath his rule. Such bondage and degradation is not an incidental evil which may be reformed; it is the essence of the whole system, the groundwork on which the Ottoman power is built. The power which Othman began, which Mahomet the Conqueror firmly establised, which Suleiman, the lawgiver, raised to the highest pitch and splender, is, beyond all powers that the world ever saw, the embodiment of wrong, In the most glorious regions of the world, the rule of the Turk has been an abomination of devastation and nothing else. Out of it no direct good can come.

Twice Told Tales

The Funny Printer.

Let us all try to console ourselves, when our lents tear their hair over some typographical error. that to err is human-especially to err typographically Some of the finest jokes extant come through the fact that the printer's finger slips. Here are some, which, like all others, are funny a long, long, long time afterward-never at the time:

A Chicago paper in reporting a political meeting said that the vast audience rent the air with their Another Chicago paper reported that the propeller Alaska was leaving port with a cargo of 40,000 bushels

A Buffalo newspaper, in describing the scene when Roosevelt took the oath of office as president, said it was a spectacle never to be forgotten when Roosevelt, before the chief justice of the supreme owurt, took his

simple bath.-Associated Advertising.

"As She is Spoke."

William Lackaye, the player, is a stickler for correct English on and off the stage, and he never loses an opportunity to put the erring on the right path in

this respect. One afternoon Mr. Lackage walked into a New York drug store and stated to a clerk his need-a man's comb. "Do you want a narrow man's comb;" was the

inquiry addressed to him. "No." said Mr. Lackaye, with the utmost gravity What I desire is a comb for a stout man with rubber teeth."-Lippincott's.

Popular Poverty.

Katie, aged 7, was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Jones. One day, when the new minister called, Katie, upon her own invitation, went into the parlor to entertain him until her mother came down stairs. she approached the parior door, Mrs. Jones heard the minister ask Katie how many children her mother had, and was very much surprised to hear her little

daughter reply "six." Her mother wisely made no comment upon the startling reply of the child, but sent her out to play, and when the minister's visit was over she asked Katio why she had told him that her mother had six children and was more dumfounded than ever when Katie said; "Because, I did not want the strange gentleman to know that you were so poor that you didn't have but one child."-National Monthly

The Bees Letter Box

CLARKS, Neb., Feb. 27 .- To the Editor To answer "P. A. P." of of The Bee: the eighteenth will say, that I am not mistaken concerning Germans having to learn Danish, and could prove the same by living witnesses that I am right. But enough of this I would like to impress on our Danish writer that the population of Schleswig-Holstein is at least nine tenths German, and that this being the fact. I would like the idea of every rightly thinking man as to the rightful ownership of these two Herzogtuns. In the 1460 conference it was decided that these two countries should be forever undtvided.

Now, being under German rule, all foreigners should submit themselves to German rules and regulations, the same as we have to do here. If they don't they would better get out of Schleswig-Holstein, as a good many of north Schleswig thought better.

Out with the truth, and nothing but the truth. HERMAN HOLM.

To "An Omahan."

If the party who sent in a letier signed 'An Omahan," will send his name and address to the editor of The Bee, his communication may receive consideration. Unless the writer's name is furnished, the letter will not be published.

Lawyers Fit for Judges.

CHADRON, Neb., Feb. 27 .- To the Editor of The Bee: In The Bee you say: Lawyers big enough for the highest bench sught to have the courage of state-wide run." This is grossly unjust to many industrious and able lawyers who happen to be situated west of Kearney. Their careful attention to their business, which has given them ability equal to any member of the supreme court, has prevented them the acquaintance necessary to obtain, without improper expense, the primary nomination; and in the term "lawyers" I include Judges Westover, Grimes and Hobart.

those very able and experienced jurists. In spite of this, the important questions which are peculiar to our longitude entitle us to a consideration by men familiar with the elements which go to make up that particular controversy. There is no more reason why a man charged with a crime shall be tried by those familiar with moral conditions in his neighborhood than that an irrigation right involving the welfare of two or three populous counties filled with irrigators should be tried by a judge or jury also familiar with those climatic and other conditions Modesty forbids the enumeration of

lawyers equally experienced and equally well informed with the district judges named above who are located in almost every county seat west of the tenth meridian, so why bawl us out whose only fault is that we prefer the simple life and the healthful ozone a few hundred miles away, rather than the highly stimulated atmosphere of our metropolis which you so justly admire? Yours truly. ALLEN G. FISHER.

Salary of the President. TILDEN, Neb., Feb. 28.-To the Editor of The Bee: What is the present salary of the president of the United States? F. L. PUTNY.

Ans: Seventy-five thousand dollars a year and an allowance of \$25,000 for ex-

SHERIDAN, Wyo., Peb. 23.-To the Editor of The Bee: Please pardon me for referring to two articles in your paper. First, to the "School teachers' quarrel over the use of the word "was." My opinion is the statement, itself, is incorrect. If it were a single wire that was down for thirty thousand miles, "was" would be correct; but the probable fact was that many wires were down, for it seems incredible that only one wire was referred to. Therefore, the correct way to have made the statement should have been Thirty thousand miles of wires were And yet in this particular case it was the wire that was down and not the miles. This quarrel reminds me of a statement Robert Ingersoll made when he asked: "Why don't God put the Devil in hell?" and some critic replied: "Probably he would if he used as bad grammar

as Ingersoll did." Second, in your Monday's issue just before me, in your first column, are these words in the headlines: "Fight Three Hours With Naked Bayonets." It naturally makes me ask if it is the usual custom to fight with "covered" bayonets? "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men.'

HORACE P. HOLMES, M. D. Seconds the Motion.
SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Feb. II.-To the With your kind per-Editor of The Bee: mission I should like to endorse every

word written in this morning's Bee by

J. G. BLESSING.

'Antiforce.

People and Events

Senator Balley Waggener of Atchison. a veteran legislator and attorney of Kansas, sang his swan song in the legislature one day last week. It was an appeal for generous treatment for the state orphan asylum at Atchison, an institution for which he has acted as foster father. Senator Waggener's health is very poor and it is considered improbable that his waning strength will permit rurther public activities.

What has been a puzzle to laymen more than to lawyers in Philadelphia has suddenly vanished from the courts. It has been a common practice of minor courts of equal jurisdiction for one judge to revoke the sentense imposed by another and pardon the offender. The district attorney stopped the practice with a high court order which informed the minor courts they did not possess the power of pardon nor the right to intefere with the sentences of another court. The ruling cuts out a large slice of political and

Around the Cities

Chicago's unemployed see a rift in the clouds. Work has commenced on the site of the new Union station. Eventually it is estimated that 25,000 men will be employed in the work of construction.

New York City is trying the experiment of closing certain short streets to traffic and letting the children romp in them. Huge signs are stretched across thoroughtures, reading:

Editorial Viewpoint

Washington Star: The enormous cost of war is not accompanied by conditions which support the theory that anything which puts money into circulation is of public benefit.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "When peace finally comes to Mexico I shall retire to my ranch," says Villa. Let us hope that he don't have so wait till his next incarnation to taste the joys of farming. Boston Transcript: The firmness of the president, the patience of the president the historical knoweldge of the president, the clear mind of the president, are very reasuring qualities in a man who is presitent in a time of crisis.

Kansas City Star: Fifty-five unguarded convicts from Leavenworth prison gave a minstrel performance in Leavenworth and "returned to fail with not a man missing." They are to be congratulated -professionals frequently do not get off so easily.

Indianapolis News: Placing 1,000,000 volunteers under training, according to the Army and Navy Journal, "would be measure of peace," but when one recalls that this is just the sort of measure that Europe took previous to last August, somehow one doesn't feel much confidence in it.

Baltimore American: Heroic deeds, individual heroism and collective herolam, has been so much a matter of daily performance in the strife beyond the Atlantic that no demonstration of nervy courage, however extraordinary, now excites surprise. We Americans, as neutrals and impartials, observe that the heroes are plentiful in all the armies. There are dare-devil go-the-limit Frenchmen, winor-lose-it-all Teutons, die-in-the-last-ditch Muscovites and go-down-with-the-ship Britons. Heroes there are plenty-butthe pity of it all.

Musings of a Cynic

Many a man claims to have the dearest

little wife in the world, when he really

Many a man deludes himself with the

idea that he has the world at his feet,

Quantity doesn't always count. A little

charity to the living is worth a wagon-

Friendship is essential to happiness

can't get along very well without a fev

man seriously.

means the cheapest.

only to have his foot slip.

load of flowers to the dead.

others.-New York Times.

TO DAN CUPID.

Let the contract, have you?"

Tudor Jenks in Judge. Dear Dan-Where are you nowadays? We used to like your sportive ways. When with your darts and little bow You took pot-shots at high and low:

MIRTHFUL REMARKS.

the officer in charge.

Why? queried the sergeant.

Every time i cry huit, he throws up his hands and pleads for me to spare his life, ever if I take everything he has "-Philadelphia Ledger.

Skinum-I want to interest you in a nining proposition. It's a good thing. Finddub-Perhaps it is: but I'm not.

"The young fellow who developed such a new idea drove the welf from his door, didn't he?"
"He did, only to find he had an elephant on his hands."—Baltimore Ameri-

"Didn' Buff Jackson tell you dat mule he traded to you is a pow'ful kicker?"
"He didn' zactly tell me, but he tried to be honest. He th'owed in two bot-tles of liniment an a crutch without no extry charge "-Washington Star.

"Yes, I saw Chawlle Chippendale at

"Good old Chawlie. I suppose he was waving his sword in the sunlight and shouting, 'Come on, lads, come on.'"
"Well, no, he wasn't. He was waving a spade and yelling 'Dig, you Tommles, dig!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Doing any good?"
"Some," said the man who had been indicted for grafting. "I've sold a confession to one magazine, a repudiation of the confession to another, and now I'm dickering with a third for a confirmation of the original expose."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Do you think you can support my daughter in the style to which she has been accustomed?"

"I think so," replied the earnest young man. "But maybe we'd better live with you a few years so that I can find out exactly what it's like."—Washington Star.

'T've taken the most important step toward building a fashionable apartment

"No. I've selected a fancy name for the building."-Judge.

The new recruit is no good," growled

We even took it in good part Though now and then a flying dart Struck stinging home. Twas pleasant when A woman has no sense of humor, which

may explain why she sometimes takes a The tiny wound was healed again.

But now the arrows are so rare That once seemed flying everywhere! Perhaps you need today, my son, A modern rapid-fire gun.

The times are changed. No longer slow Our youth are never still, you know. So if you'd add hearts to your string. You'll have to hit them on the wing! But whether bow or gun you wield, We hope to see you take the field, For life is rather dull and gray

Without you and your sportive play, When you your mother Venus see, With kindly words remember me; And while this mortal life endures, I'll sign myself, sincerely yours. Even the man who is his own best friend



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